THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Books worth about Rs. 20,000/- were sold by Publications Division at the Book Exhibition at Tirupati from April 12, 1992 to April 17, 1992.

(b) Rs. 12,000/- approx.

(c) and (d) As a part of its Sales promotion measure, the Publications Division participates in book fairs and exhibitions which attract large number of people. Accordingly, a book stall was set up at Tirupati from April 12-17, 1992.

Advertisements to Publicise Achievements of Government

1991: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of paid advertisements published by Government in all the newspapers in India or abroad to publicise the achievements of the present Government together with the names of newspapers and journals;

(b) what is the estimated amount spent on the publicity campaign;

(c) whether the advertisements listed several achievements which were not true?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Only one advertisement was published by DAVP on the achievements of the present Government. It was neither published in all the newspapers in India nor in any newspaper published from abroad but was issued to only 1191 newspapers/periodicals which were on the approved list of DAVP.

(b) The total estimated expenditure on the advertisement is Rs. 44,23,559.00.

(c) No, Sir.

Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool

1992. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Indian Members on the elected Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool;

(b) what are the names of the members of the Monitoring group;

(c) what has been the Government's experience about the utility of this pool; and

(d) what suggestions have been made by Government for increasing the utility of this pool?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) PRESS TRUST OF INDIA is the Indian member of the Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool.

(b) The names of the members of the Monitoring Group are: India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Libya, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Peru, Cuba and Yugoslavia;

(c) and (d) The concept of cooperation in information exchange among the non-aligned countries for which Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool was set up, continues to be relevant even today. Government finds the pool useful and provides financial assistance to PTI for running the INDIA NEWS POOL DESK.

Minister of Information & Broadcasting at the Conference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Countries held in Pyongyang (DPRK) in June, 1993 suggested that the pool should make a concerted effort to set up a reliable cost effective communication network using the latest satellite technology so that maximum number of pool agencies could directly disseminate their news to and receive news from their partner agencies in different Non-Aligned Countries.

Investigation by the Vigilance Department

1993. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) How many cases have been investigated by the Vigilance Department set up in his Ministry during the last three years and the outcome thereof;

(b) what action has been taken against those found guilty; and

(c) how many cases are pending investigation so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) 493 cases were received for investigation during the last three years.

(b) Out of the above, 261 cases have been investigated and disposed off as detailed below:

(i) Major Penalty imposed]	11 cases
(ii) Minor Penalty imposed	4 cases
(iii) Administrative action/ warning etc. issued in	12 cases
(iv) Closed after preliminary investigation	234 cases

(c) 232 cases are still under investigation and action shall be taken on the outcome of the inquiry reports (yet to be received).

Review of Media Units of Information and Broadcasting

1994. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extensive exercise to review the forms in use in the Main Secretariat and media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and other matters of simplification of procedure etc. being done by the Task Force has been completed;

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be completed;

(c) wnat are the provisional difficulties encountered in this work;

(d) whether there is any resistance from the staff; and

(e) whether the Hon'ble Minister has himself reviewed this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): No, Sir.

(b) This exercise is expected to be completed by the end of October, 1993.

(c) No specific difficulty has been experienced in the matter. However, the matter is time-consuming considering the wide ranging issues to be addressed and a large number of Media Units to be covered.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Film Weeks in India and Abroad

1995. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Film Festivals propose to organise Film Weeks in India and abroad;

(b) if so, the time and venue where the film weeks are likely to be organised;

(c) whether a film week for the people of Central India is proposed to be organised in Nagpur; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not organising the same at Nagpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) Possibility of Nagpur as one of the cities for Foreign Film Week will be explored.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

(A) FOREIGN FILM WEEKS IN INDIA

The following foreign film weeks in India have been planned to be organised in the coming months:

(i) Polish Film Week at Delhi, Bhubaneshwar and Bhopal during October 1993.